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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for the creation of a unified educational data
2 system task force.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. UNIFIED EDUCATIONAL DATA SYSTEM TASK FORCE.

2 1. The department of education, in collaboration with the
3 office of the chief information officer and the area education
4 agencies, shall convene a unified educational data system task
5 force to develop and recommend a comprehensive approach to
6 data collection by the department. The task force shall at a
7 minimum do the following:

8 a. Study the costs and benefits of creating a user-friendly
9 uniform system that unifies data systems currently administered
10 by the department, including but not limited to the education
11 data warehouse, the student reporting in Iowa system, the
12 unique student identifier system, and the Iowa transcript
13 center. The study shall review the purpose and desired results
14 prompting the collection of certain data and shall focus on
15 improving efficiency, accuracy, and security of and access to
16 the data collected.

17 b. Study the costs and benefits of utilizing a single,
18 user-friendly, universal statewide student information system
19 by which school districts and accredited nonpublic schools can
20 submit necessary data to the department.

21 c. Identify measures by which the department may denote
22 for users the purpose and results in aggregate of the data
23 collected by the department.

24 d. Study the costs and means of developing and administering
25 a training program that provides school administrators with the
26 skills and experience necessary to use a unified educational
27 data system to manage and submit the necessary data as required
28 by the department.

29 e. Develop a formula to accurately, comprehensively, and
30 meticulously calculate data used to determine, at a minimum,
31 graduation rates, dropout rates, and enrollment in schools and
32 school districts.

33 2. The task force shall consist of education stakeholders
34 including but not limited to persons representing the
35 department, the office of the chief information officer,

1 area education agencies, school districts which offer
2 prekindergarten through grade twelve, the boards of directors
3 of school districts, the authorities in charge of accredited
4 nonpublic schools, teachers, administrators, parents, and
5 postsecondary institutions.

6 3. The task force shall submit its findings and
7 recommendations in a report to the state board of education and
8 the general assembly by January 15, 2015.

9 EXPLANATION

10 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
11 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

12 This bill directs the department of education, in
13 collaboration with the office of the chief information
14 officer and the area education agencies, to convene a unified
15 educational data system task force to develop and recommend a
16 comprehensive approach to data collection by the department.

17 The task force shall study the costs and benefits of
18 creating a user-friendly uniform system that unifies data
19 systems currently administered by the department; review
20 the purpose and desired results prompting the collection of
21 certain data and focus on improving efficiency, accuracy, and
22 security of and access to the data collected; study the costs
23 and benefits of utilizing a single, user-friendly, universal
24 statewide student information system by which school districts
25 and accredited nonpublic schools can submit necessary data
26 to the department; identify measures to denote for users
27 the purpose and results in aggregate of the data collected
28 by the department; study the costs and means of developing
29 and administering a training program that provides school
30 administrators with the skills and experience necessary to use
31 a unified educational data system; and develop a formula to
32 determine, at a minimum, graduation rates, dropout rates, and
33 enrollment in schools and school districts.

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4 school districts, the authorities in charge of accredited
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